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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Timothy A. Hagen, et al. :

APPLICATION NO.: 10/763,340 : Examiner: Thurman Page

FILING DATE: January 23, 2004 : Group Art Unit: 1615

TITLE: AZITHROMYCIN DOSAGE FORMS WITH :
REDUCED SIDE EFFECTS

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the present application on the merit, please amend the claims as follows: